



State of North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services


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Memorandum

To: Agency Chief Information Officers
Agency Business Continuity Management Administrators

From: Ann Garrett, State Chief Information Security Officer

Subject: LDRPS 10 Hosting Solution 

Date: November 19, 2008

The Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) recently finalized the pilot project associated with the installation, functionality testing and deployment of the Living Disaster Recovery Planning Systems (LDRPS) 10 Business Continuity Planning application. Multiple iterations of the implementation architecture were reviewed and evaluated. Economic times are tough and costs are higher than anticipated. After considering all options, ITS Senior Management selected a centrally managed hosting solution in a virtual environment. The contract with the vendor has been renegotiated to reduce the cost of the LDRPS 10 software. Simply, the 30 individual licenses with limited concurrent users have been converted to one enterprise license for use by executive branch agencies. This is the most cost effective solution.

The project team has a working test region in place and is currently configuring the production region. The plan is to start on-boarding several agencies in the test environment as proof of concept and then roll their data into the production environment.

Meanwhile, agencies should continue to maintain their BCPs in LDRPS 9 until they have fully built their plans in LDRPS 10. While the maintenance for v9 will expire on 12/31/08, the licenses are perpetual. With the license conversion for v10 to one enterprise license, agencies can no longer use the individual v10 licenses. If v10 was installed at your agency, under the contract terms usage must be discontinued by 12/31/08.

We will keep you informed as the project progresses. ESRMO will be hosting an information sharing meeting for agency CIOs and agency BCM Administrators. The meeting will focus on LDRPS 10 testing status and production application on-boarding, followed by a question and answer session. The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. on December 15 at the Office of Information Technology Services at 3700 Wake Forest Road in conference room 2. All agency CIOs and BCM Administrators are encouraged to attend. Please inform us of your planned attendance by sending an email to bcm@lists.ncmail.net. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Debora Antley at 754-6231 or Janice Hunter at 754-6232.

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